

MAPLE GROVE TRANSIT COMMISSION
City of Maple Grove
Meeting of July 31, 2012
AMENDED

MINUTES

Members Present: Terry Coss, Jodi Carman Kortsha, Teri Anderson, Jeremy Miller, Mandy Knudsen, Mark ~~Davidson~~ **Davison** and Rose Peterson.

Members Absent: Jaime Renner

Also Present: Mike Opatz – City of Maple Grove, Doyne Parson-Metro Transit, and Bill Patten-Midwest Paratransit.

Call to Order

Transit Commission Chair Terry Coss called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Oath of Office

The following have been appointed by the City Council to the Transit Commission as new members for a two-year term expiring 12/31/2013 and took the Oath of Office at the meeting:

- Mark Davison
- Mandy Knudsen
- Jeremy Miller

Open Forum

No one from the public spoke during the open forum.

Recognition of Rose Peterson

Opatz stated that Rose Peterson has made an employment change that no longer allows her use Maple Grove Transit. As a result, Rose has submitted her resignation from the Transit Commission. Rose has shown great dedication and commitment in her Transit Commission duties for the past 18 years. This is the second longest tenure in the history of the Transit Commission. Her input in helping to make Maple Grove Transit successful will be missed. Rose was instrumental in developing several key enhancements to the bus system including the implementation of trip numbers in the bus schedule and overhead bus signs. She has been a true advocate for all forms of public transit. For the past two years, Rose served as the Chairperson for the Commission and also served as the Vice Chair for a few years. In recognition of her public service, Rose received the Commissioner's Award from the Maple Grove Transit Commission and a Public Service Award from the Maple Grove City Council.

Approve Minutes

The Commission approved the meeting minutes May 29, 2012.

Discussion of Routes and Statistics

Opatz reviewed the monthly ridership summaries for May and June 2012 and the most recent daily ridership reports. Opatz stated that for the year, ridership is up 4.92 percent over 2011. The Commissioners gave updates regarding their commute and routes:

- Rose Peterson - No issues to report.
- Jodi Carman Kortsha - The Crosswinds lot is well utilized.
- Terry Coss - Been using a wide variety of 783 trips and all is well. Mechanics are doing a great job of keeping the air conditioning on the buses running well. The 788 shuttle bus should wait at the shelter until the 783 is on Weaver Lake Road.
- Teri Anderson - Ridership is strong and appears to be a good option for many commuters. Heard some comments that Maple Grove bus drivers are too aggressive.
- Jaime Renner - Absent.
- Mark Davison - No issues to report.
- Mandy Knudsen - "Slow Down" signs have been posted on West Eagle Lake Drive.
- Jeremy Miller - No issues to report.

Metro Transit Operations Discussion

Steve McLaird and Brian Funk from Metro Transit were in attendance to discuss with the Commission the operational aspects of the Maple Grove Transit service. Specifically: the ADA form, seatbelts, Marq2 signs, and cell phone usage by customers. Safety and customer service training for drivers were also discussed as well as bus maintenance.

Update on Bottineau Transitway

Opatz referenced an article that states that the Bottineau Transitway final route alignment will not include Maple Grove. The northern end of the alignment was approved to serve the Target Campus in Brooklyn Park even though the studies by the consultants showed that the route option to Maple Grove had the highest Cost Efficiency Index rating. Unless something changes, this likely ends the City's direct involvement in the Bottineau Transitway project. The project still has several steps to secure federal approval and final funding. Final resolution on project details and the start of construction is at least five years away.

Service Changes for September 2012

Opatz discussed the following Maple Grove Transit service changes effective September 8, 2012:

- Route 781 - Route 781 A.M. Trip # 1 now starts 2 minutes earlier at 5:46 a.m. and all other time points are adjusted by 2 minutes as well.
- Route 785 - The Route 785 PM # 4 now starts 4 minutes earlier at 4:16 p.m. and all other time points are adjusted by 4 minutes as well.
- Route 788 - The first half of the route is eliminated and restructured to the SW corner of the City.
- Route 789 - Eliminate the trip starting at 5:45 p.m, reinvest the savings into a new trip starting at 2:45 p.m., and the 4:45 p.m. trip is now labeled as trip #2.

Adjourn / Next Meeting

- Next Scheduled Regular Meeting: September 25, 2012
- Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.
- Minutes submitted by Mike Opatz, Transit Administrator.